

Minutes of the Work Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held February 4, 2015 at the Courthouse Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Those present: Casey Hopes, Commission Chair
Jae Potter, Commissioner
Jake Mellor, Commissioner

Also present: Seth Oveson, Clerk/Auditor
Lori Perez, Deputy Clerk
Brad McCourt, Roads/Landfill
Christian Bryner, Attorney
Scott Feichko, J&B Recycling
Becky Dimick, Basin Industries

Clerk's Certificate of Compliance with Open Meeting Law was filed.

Commissioner Hopes welcomed everyone. The meeting began at 3:00 p.m.

1) **Discussion concerning proposal for recycling at County Landfill – Scott Feichko, J&B Recycling**

Commissioner Hopes reminded those in attendance that recycling at the landfill may need to go out for bid and the presenters may not want to disclose financial or proprietary information.

Scott from J&B Recycling would like to recycle glass, cardboard and paper at the landfill and start a larger recycling program. They take care of the Green Team Trailers which recycles cardboard, paper and aluminum and are willing to place containers at the landfill for recycling.

Scott said the Green Team Trailers fill up quickly and people bring recyclables to them directly. They have dealt with a hundred ton of paper since they opened in October. There is no money in paper recycling and its current value is \$23.00 a ton. Collecting paper would be a community service.

Brad McCourt said they tried to collect cardboard at the dump but because of contamination by other material they ended up taking it to ECDC. It was costing the County too much to handle. J&B said they would bring their own containers to the dump and would be responsible to sort them at their own facility.

The County landfill has sixty years left and should only be taking construction and yard debris with the rest going to ECDC. Trying to sort the material into the right places is expensive. They are trying to recycle plastic but there is not an export market right now.

Commissioner Hopes asked where the material is stored. Currently they store it in boxes and semi-trailers on their business property right next to City Sanitation at 798 E. 800 S. If privatizing the landfill ever happens, J&B would be interested in it.

Recycling would work if someone were there to sort the material as it came in. J&B would like to get to the point where anything that can be recycled, is recycled. J&B's employees are good to construct clean bales of cardboard, aluminum or copper.

Commissioner Hopes asked what J&B's is willing to recycle. Scott said everything. They could set up separate bins with a small budget and would only need minimal space. Once a bin is full, J&B would be there to empty it.

Commissioner Hopes asked if there was room in the landfill for a cardboard dumpster and glass bins. Brad thinks this is a good thing. J&B could have an employee at the dump training people how to sort, especially in the beginning.

Commissioner Potter said we are already semi sorting between household and construction. It was asked if the bins need to be covered. The two cardboard bins at the College are covered. The Green Team Trailers are dumped two and three times a week. It is labor intense. Paper and cardboard are recycled separately.

J&B explained other recycling systems in use. Commissioner Potter is in favor of recycling but is concerned about justifying a mandatory recycling system. Other communities struggle to get participation. For those individuals who are using the landfill, a lot of recycling could be done.

Seth explained that recycling systems rarely run a profit. Scott said aluminum cans can be profitable, glass is at \$19.75 a ton, freight cost averages \$37.00 a ton. But at some point there has to be change towards recycling.

The landfill is willing to try a program after working out logistics and any legal issues. Christian said if there is competition from other recycling companies then it may have to go out to bid in order to select the best company. Exclusive rights could only be given in a competitive process. Illegal dumping continues to be a problem in the County even though the dump is open and free. It was in agreement that the dump should remain free.

Becky Dimick, the manager for Basin Industries which has the current metal recycling contract at the landfill, asked about licensing and permitting at the landfill. Commissioner Hopes said the County owns the licensing and has the permit through the State. The discussion continued concerning licensing, permits and liability. In order to implement the dumpsters, an agreement would have to be in place. J&B would like to recycle everything but if not then they are still willing to collect the paper, glass and cardboard. The current agreement for metal recycling has lapsed.

Seth asked for a time frame on a contract with J&B. Scott said possibly two years, with a renewable clause option. There are two other competitors for the metal market locally. He is the only one who recycles paper and glass. Scott uses his profits from his metal recycling to support the other recycling projects. Storage of the material would be on his fifteen acres.

Scott said they could help cover the cost of the dump and recover more recyclables out of the dump. He was asked if he recycles tires. ERT (now under new ownership) has been taking tires and processing it back into crude oil. Brad McCourt said the County spends \$80,000 a year to get rid of tires. The discussion continued concerning the cost and process of recycling tires.

Scott said they sort the recyclables before they leave his place. Anything toxic has to go into specific totes. The ability to recycle cars came with their State of Utah license. Their license is in two parts: One for storage and one for demolition. Christian can call to get the specific name. They are set up as a scrap yard.

Becky Dimick asked if the landfill has been happy with Basin Industries' services. Brad said the scrap metal collection has gone well. He is not sure if Basin is draining the Freon out of refrigerators which requires a special license. This special license needs to be in the new contract.

A decision concerning recycling at the landfill would need to be made in a regular commission meeting.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Mellor seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


Seth Oveson, County Clerk/Auditor

